[Mr. A. Narayana Pillai.]

(*a*) the basis on which District Hospitals are supplied with staff and medicines; and

(*b*) whether the number of patients who seek medical aid is a criterion?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*). Staff is allotted to hospitals in reference to the population to be served, the number that usually resort to them for medical aid, the general healthiness or otherwise of particular localities, prevalence of epidemics and such other considerations. Medicines are supplied on indents from the respective Medical Officers, duly checked in the Stores with reference to previous supplies and the general requirements for a year.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഫാ ർ സ-ലേയ്ക്കുള്ള മരുന്ന മുഴുവനും അതാതു ആശുപത്രികൾക്കു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): കൊടു ത്തു കാണും.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikom*): എന്നാണ് കൊടുത്തതു്?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അറി ഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഡാക്ടർമാർ കുറിക്കുന്ന മരുന്ന കും മുഴുവനും കൊടുക്കാൻ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ഇല്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു രോ ഗികൾ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന എന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അറി ഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Improvements to the Tettiyar.

203. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Are the Government aware,

(*a*) that Tettiyar, an irrigation channel in the Trivandrum taluk was deepened and widened in its upper reaches by the Public Works Department, leaving the lower portion, down to the place where it empties itself into the Veli lake, narrow, shallow and silted up; and

(*b*) that numerous breaches have in consequence occurred in the banks of the lower portion of this canal causing damage to paddy cultivation?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether it is proposed to widen and deepen also the lower portion of this irrigation channel?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Breaches occur as the lower portion is winding and narrow with weak bunds.

(2) Yes. It is proposed to take up the necessary investigation soon.

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